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1. PROMINENT PRESS PLAY, MOSTLY STRAIGH NEWS REPORTS, APPEARS ON UNSC MEETING IN PANAMA. SAMPLE HEADLINES: INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO): " (U. S) PROTEST RE (STREET SIGNS) MARKS UNSC MEETING IN PANAMA"; INDEPENDENT DIARIO DE BRASILIA: " SERVERE CRITICISM AGAINST THE U. S. TODAY IN PANAMA"; CONSERVATIVE O JORNAL (RIO): " THE NAME OF THE ACCUSED IS UNITED STATES"; INFLUENTIAL O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO: " PANAMA TRIES TO FORCE DEBATE ABOUT THE CANA" (MARCH 15).

2. CONSERVATIVE JORNAL DO COMMERCIO (RIO) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN PANAMA, PAULO SERGIO BARROS, IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED " CANAL ZONE: SEVENTY YEARS OF COLONIALISM," SAYS: "... THE U. S. AND PANAMA HAVE A PREDOMINANT MUTUAL INTEREST IN MAINTAING THIS INTERNATIONAL ROUTE AND SHOULD COOPERATE IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS FOR ITS SUCCESS. AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN THE PAST SHOULD BE FORGOTTEN,
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BECAUSE THEY CAN ONLY CREATE PROBLEMS... AND ABSOLUTELY UNNECESSARY
NEW DISTURBANCES AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE. ... ONLY THE U. S. CAN ACT TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, UNDERSTANDING ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT THE CANAL BELONGS TO PANAMA AND THAT IT MUST BE USED BY MANY NATIONS. ... PANAMA ALSO SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT ITS ACTIONS TOWARD A MORE REALISTIC APPROACH FOR THE FUTURE. ..." (MARCH 15).

3. O JORNAL FRONT- PAGE NEWS STORY SAYS: "... OBSERVERS ARE PREDICTING THAT THE UNSC' S FIRST MEETING IN LATAM WILL BE CHARA-CTERIZED BY A SERIES OF COMPLAINTS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE U. S. ... HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THEM ALSO PREDICT THAT THE MEETING' S FINAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH MIGHT CONDEMN ' ALL FORMS OF COLONIALISM OR INTERFERENCE FROM ANOTHER SOVEREIGN NATION' PROBABLY WILL NOT MENTION THE UNITED STATES SPECIFICALLY. ..." (MARCH 15).
4. CONSERVATIVE CORREIO BRAZILIENSE (BRASILIA) FRONT- PAGE STORY, HEADLINED " PANAMA ASKS U. N. FOR AUTONOMY OVER THE CANAL," SAYS: "... JOHN SCALLI, THE U. S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U. N. , WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO CONFRONT SOME KEY ISSUES -- THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THEM POSSIBLY BEING PANAMA' S CLAIM FOR FULL AUTONOMY OVER THE CANAL ZONE. ... IT ALSO IS PREDICTED THAT U. S POLICY WILL BE ATTACKED BY NATIONS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE 200- MILE TERRITORIAL SEA POSITION, BY THOSE SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO, BY THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE U. S. GUANTANAMO BASE (IN CUBA) , AND ALSO (BY THOSE WHO TAKE A NEGATIVE VIEW) ON MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES. ..." (MARCH 15).
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